

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPENDITURE REFORM

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has examined the recommendations made by any committee in respect of Expenditure Reform Commission (ERC);
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations which have not been accepted;
- (c) the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has identified officials who have flouted the norms recommended by ERC; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (e): The Government had set up the Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) to review the whole gamut of Government Expenditure. The recommendations in respect of the ERC, excepting those relating to food subsidy, have been broadly accepted by the Government. In so far as recommendations on food subsidy and related matters are concerned, ERC's suggestions have provided valuable inputs for formulating policies on subsidy, procurement, foodgrains trade, buffer stock, etc.

It has been the constant endeavour of the Government to curtail non-developmental expenditure. Accordingly, Ministry of Finance has issued comprehensive austerity instructions on 22-07-2006.